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In re Application of: Koji Fukunaga et al.)
Application No.: 09/025,133)
Filed: February 17, 1998)
For: DATA TRANSMISSION)
APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND)
METHOD, AND IMAGE)
PROCESSING APPARATUS)

**CLARIFICATION OF STATUS
OF APPLICATION AND
NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF
ERRATUM**

This notification is in response to the telephone inquiry to the Examiner of record on June 16, 2001, which is being treated as a request for clarification of the record that the above-identified application has not issued as a patent.

This communication advises petitioner that the above-identified application was mistakenly indicated to have been granted as U.S. Patent No. 6,584,524 on June 24, 2003.

The Group Director has been delegated the authority to withdraw an application from issue, including subsequent to payment of the issue fee. MPEP 1002.02(c), ¶ 18.

Inspection of the record reveals that the above-identified application was timely withdrawn from issue via the withdrawal notice mailed October 15, 2002, issued by the Group Director, a duly authorized USPTO official, to reopen prosecution pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313 See Harley v. Lehman, 981 F. Supp. 9, 11-12, 44 USPQ2d 1699, 1701-02 (D.D.C. 1997); Blacklight Power, Inc. v. Dickinson, 2000 U.S. Dist LEXIS 11754, 55 USPQ2d 1812 (D.D.C. 2000).

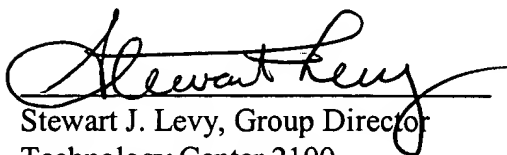
In view of the above, the USPTO's publication (on June 24, 2003) of a patent document purporting to be a patent was in error.

Accordingly, the following erratum will be published in the Official Gazette:

All reference to Patent No. 6,584,524 to Koji Fukunaga et al. of Japan, for DATA TRANSMISSION APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD, AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS appearing in the Official Gazette of June 24, 2003, should be deleted since no patent was granted.

This application is being sent to Technology Center support staff to correct file and PALM records consistent with this decision, and will then be forwarded to have the examiner take appropriate action as required.

Inquiries with respect to this decision may be directed to Special Programs Examiner Pinchus M. Laufer at (703) 306-4160.

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